ART: NANTO HANAMARU STORY: MIYAJIMA TAKUMI ORIGINAL WORK: BANDAI NAMCO GAMES

TALES OF SYMPHONIA
ラタトスクの騎士
CHAPTER 13: INESCAPABLE FATE
walk
walk
WE'RE ALMOST AT HAKONESIA PEAK.
EMIL ACCOMPANIES RICHTER TO HAKONESIA PEAK!
walk
EMIL, WE MUST HURRY AND FIND OUR STOP.
shudder
I KNEW IT!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUSH ME!
I KNOW, TENE-BRAE!
I COULDN'T SENSE A SUMMON SPIRIT FROM THAT SHEENA, EITHER...
MARTA'S NOT HERE ANYMORE,
THAT ONE MUST HAVE BEEN MAN-MADE...
BUT I STILL FEEL LORD RATATOSK'S PRESENCE.

WITH THAT ZARATAN CARRYING YOUR STUFF,
COULD IT BE...
WE'RE MOVING MUCH FASTER!
RIGHT, RICHTER?
HM? OH...
sigh
THAT'S TRUE.
THAT THERE WAS NEVER A PACT?
.....
WHAT IS IT, AQUA?
OH! UM...
I WAS ACTUALLY THINKING ABOUT EMIL!
YOU'VE BEEN QUIET FOR SOME TIME NOW.
WHAT? ABOUT ME?

YOU WERE BORN IN PALMA-COSTA, CORRECT?
Y-YEAH ...
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU DURING THE BLOOD PURGE?
MY MOTHER AND FATHER WERE KILLED...
...BY LLOYD.
AND BEFORE THAT?
I MEAN BEFORE THE BLOOD PURGE EVEN BEGAN.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT THAT TIME?
WHY THESE INQUIRIES?
MASTER RICHTER AND I WERE THERE DURING THE BLOOD PURGE, TOO, REMEMBER?
stare
WE MAY HAVE MET EMIL SOMEWHERE.
WELL...I DON'T REMEMBER VERY MUCH ABOUT THAT DAY...

OKAY, SO WHAT'S THE MOST VIVID MEMORY YOU HAVE OF PALMACOSTA?
HUH? MOST VIVID...
.....
MY...
MY MEMORIES ARE...
AND IF THE VANGUARD WAS PRESENT DURING THE BLOOD PURGE,
THAT MAKES EMIL'S TRAUMA THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.
I WOULD AVOID QUESTIONING SOMEONE ABOUT HIS SCATTERED MEMORIES.
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I'M SORRY ...
.....
EMIL HAS NO MEMORIES BEFORE THE BLOOD PURGE?
BUT THAT DAY...
WAS WHEN I DISCOVERED THE LOCATION
OF RATATOSK'S CORE.
ENOUGH WITH THE BLABBERING!
I'LL KICK DOWN EVERY PEST THAT I SEE!

...THAT CAN'T BE.

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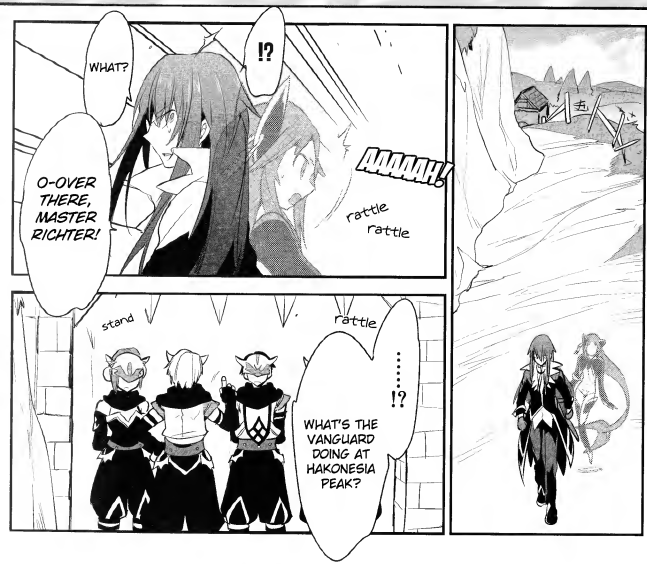
Hako-nesia Peak
HM, THIS IS INDEED THE BALACRUF TOMBSTONE.
SO, HERE'S THE ITEM AS PROM-ISED.

UM...
I CAN STILL TAKE YOU TO THE CAMBERTO CAVES!
EMIL,
LADY MARTA IS WAITING FOR US.
WE WILL NOT ACCOMPANY THEM FURTHER!
THIS IS GREAT, ISN'T IT, RICHTER?
AH, YEAH.
W-WAIT!
RICH-TER?
WE'LL PART WAYS HERE.
TAKE CARE, EMIL.
WHAT IS IT?
CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING BEFORE YOU GO?

DO YOU REALLY
HATE MY FACE?
!
YOU REALLY DO SEEM SAD WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME.
YOU LOOK A LOT LIKE A FRIEND I'D LOST.
LIKE TWINS, EVEN.
THAT COULD BE THE REASON.
I LOOK LIKE... YOUR FRIEND?
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO SAY.
step
I'M GOING.
RICHTER!

I HOPE YOU FEEL BETTER!
……!
sigh
THAT IS...!
HE CAN'T POSSIBLY BE THAT DEMON LORD.

BUT IF IT WAS HIM,
I WOULD CURSE MY OWN FATE.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WHAT?
O-OVER THERE, MASTER RICHTER!
AHHHH!
rattle
rattle
stand
rattle
.....!?
WHAT'S THE VANGUARD DOING AT HAKONESIA PEAK?

thud thud
HEY!
WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?
flinch
THE CHIEF OF STAFF!
WE'RE HERE ON LADY ALICE'S ORDERS! AN OPERATION IS UNDERWAY!
WE REQUEST THAT YOU REMAIN HERE, SIR!
OPERATION?
Gasp
WE MEAN TO SUBDUE THE BOY WHO HAS BEEN ESCORTING LADY MARTA!
YOU'RE AFTER EMIL?!
.....!
MOVE!
ZOOM
BUT SIR! WAIT A SECOND!
CHIEF OF STAFF!
THERE HE IS!
KOLBRIT!
YAARGH!

SFX: SLOW!
NO MATTER HOW MANY OF YOU THERE ARE, WEAKLINGS ARE WEAKLINGS!
SFX: SLASH
STAY DOWN!
SFX: SCREAMS
gasp
charge
EMIL, BEHIND YOU!

SFX: BANG
whoosh
!
lands
TCH!
Gasp
IT CAN'T BE...
THAT ARTE IS...!
SFX: TURN
SFX: RUMBLE

SFX: CRASH
DARKNESS DEVOURS!
AIN SOPH AUR!
GAAAAH!
SFX: THADUMP

I WOULD
CURSE MY OWN FATE.
Breathe
.....!
Rich-ter!
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK REALLY PALE!
running
RETREAT!
Kuh
waver
RUN!
HE'LL KILL US!
scuttle
Hiiii!
SFX: APPEAR

SFX: SNAP
STAY BACK!
jolt
What?
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ENEMIES!
I WOULD CURSE ...
INVOLVE YOURSELF WITH ME AGAIN.
DON'T

SFX: TURN
Richter!
NOT FATE ...
I WILL CURSE THAT MONSTER.
I WILL CURSE RATATOSK.
DOUBT HAS BEEN CLEARED! WE'VE ARRIVED AT THE CLIMAX!
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